

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 6-18 are allowed and claim 2 is objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Hofelt for the reasons given in paragraph four of the Office Action. Claim 4 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Hofelt in view of the admitted prior art.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable elements of claim 2. Claims 3-5 depend upon claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-5 are allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the present application including claims 1 and 3-18, is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable actions is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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